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SUBJECT: ALI-FOREMAN MATCH

1. MUHAMMAD ALI REQUESTS DEPARTMENT TRANSMIT FOLLOWING "SINCERE" MESSAGE TO THE WHITE HOUSE: "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: IT IS MY WISH THAT YOU, YOUR FAMILY AND AIDES HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS VIA DIRECT CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION MY CHAMPIONSHIP FIGHT WITH GEORGE FOREMAN FROM KINSHASA, ZAIRE, ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, AT 10:00 P.M. EST. I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO BE MY GUEST AND WILL PROVIDE A DIRECT CLOSED CIRCUIT TELECAST TO THE WHITE HOUSE. I HOPE YOU WILL ACCEPT MY INVITATION. MAY I HEAR FROM YOU SOON? SINCERELY, MUHAMMAD ALI."

2. ALI REPRESENTATIVES FURTHER INSISTED THAT MESSAGE WAS "NOT A STUNT IN ANY WAY" AND THAT EMBASSY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED TO INSURE "SAFE, RELIABLE AND SPEEDY" TRANSMITTAL TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

3. IF OFFER ACCEPTED, CLOSED CIRCUIT HOOKUP WOULD BE HANDLED BY VIDEOTECHNIQUES, CO-PROMOTER OF MATCH, SPOKESMAN TOLD USIS OFFICER. HINTON

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